

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/779,754	OGUCHI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	MARK A. MAIS	2419	

  

**All Participants:**

(1) MARK A. MAIS.

(2) Pedro Fernandez.

**Date of Interview:** 28 May/4 June 2009

**Type of Interview:**

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant    ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes    ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*Rejection under 35 USC 102(e)*

Claims discussed:

*Independent claims 1, 7, and 13*

Prior art documents discussed:

*Jamieson et al. (USP 6,813,644)*

**Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

**Status of Application:** Condition for Allowance

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(4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** 1400

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner reviewed rejections under 35 USC 102(e) to Jamieson et al. (USP 6,813,644). Upon a more-exhaustive prior art search, the examiner found that the novel limitation of the virtual path configuration device was the determination of virtual configuration information and use of a control network to transport this configuration information to other virtual configuration apparatuses and then synchronizing between nodes by response message signaling (prior to transmitting) over the control network before transmitting information on virtual paths between user networks over a relay network. Applicants' representative, Pedro Fernandez (Registration # 41,741) presented these limitations to Applicants and called the examiner back on June 6, 2009 acknowledging the Examiner's Amendment.